IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Delete the paragraph on page 2, between lines 10-12 of the specification.

Delete the paragraph on page 3, between lines 14-15 of the specification.

Replace the paragraph on page 7, between lines 16-26 of the specification with the following:

A recordable disc initial is a blank disc without any data, only having a pre-track pattern as described above with reference to Figure 1. Unwritten areas are not accessible to a read-only device that cannot detect the pre-track pattern, and are called "ice". Hence, the first state of every disc is totally iced. The next disc state, areas will be written with data. A first step of

writing usually is by the "Format" command. In response to this command, the drive will write the ~~lead-in~~ 39 lead-in. Via "write" commands, the main-data area will be filled and via a "Close-Track Session" command, the recording session will be ended and the lead-out may be recorded. The lead-out need not extend to the end of the disc. Thus the end of the disc may still be iced. In a third disc state, a next recording session is performed on a disc already containing data. The main-data may be extended over previously written lead-out information and a new lead-out will be written.

Replace the paragraph spanning pages 8-9, between page 8, line 32, and page 9, line 6 of the specification with the following:

By not recording temporary lead-out ~~information~~ information, further time is saved by reducing overwrite time and administration time as follows. DVD+RW is a random access medium. If a temporary lead-out is written previously, a user may chose to write at some address beyond it. To make the disc DVD-ROM compliant, the drive must then take care that ~~the~~ all of the old lead-out blocks are overwritten. ~~Otherwise~~ Otherwise, the disc will contain lead-out

blocks in the middle of written user-data blocks. This may disturb

the read-out process in a playback device. By not writing a

temporary lead-out beyond the predefined physical position, the

drive only has to overwrite lead-out blocks up to the predefined

physical position.